Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Mental health counselors work in a specialized field of counseling which emphasizes the developmental and adjustive nature of mental health services; and,

WHEREAS, Mental health counselors provide professional counseling services, including the application of principles of psychotherapy, human development, learning theory, group dynamics and the etiology of mental illness and dysfunctional behavior to individuals, couples, families, and groups for the purposes of treating psychopathology and promoting optimal mental health; and,

WHEREAS, Mental health counselors work in conjunction with other mental health professionals such as psychiatrists, psychologists, clinical social workers, and psychiatric nurses, to determine the most appropriate counseling for each client; and,

WHEREAS, Mental health counselors work in psychiatric hospitals, community mental health agencies, private clinics, community hospitals, rehabilitation centers, private practice settings, and on college campuses, providing direct delivery of mental health services to the citizens of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Mental health counselors work in these varied settings in both urban and rural locations in South Dakota, often providing mental health services to citizens and communities which would otherwise be without such services; and,

WHEREAS, Mental health counselors are providers of mental health services upon whom, by virtue of their education and extensive training, have been conferred Master's or Doctoral degrees in mental health counseling or closely related areas of study having a focus on mental health; and,

WHEREAS, Mental health counselors, after having earned such degrees, have performed at least two years of supervised clinical counseling, and have credentials as Licensed (Certified) Professional Counselors in South Dakota, and may be further certified by the National Academy of Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselors:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 1 through 7, 1988, as

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS WEEK

in South Dakota, and call upon all citizens to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight.

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE